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NOTE FOR:

On Friday, 1 September, Mr. Gambino gave me the file containing DIA's request to the DCI through  for additional  tickets. Mr. Gambino asked me to do something with it.

This is the case where we first received this request from Ben Evans, we reviewed it and found that it complied completely with all requirements for requesting clearances. We put a note on it sending it back to Ben saying the request should not have come to us because it complied with standards. We also attached a copy of the regulations.

Apparently Ben didn't read the regs or elected to ignore both Mr. Gambino's note and the reg. He sent the file to Blake saying he believed the DCI would have a problem since Mr. Gambino was saying the DCI was obligated to consider the request without staff advice. Ben proposed a token show from Blake at least and suggested the DD/A comment to the DCI on what the proposed action would do to the related ceiling. Ben added a P.S. saying he really needed help on how to staff these.  received the note, talked to Blake and sent the file back to Mr. Gambino saying "Jack agrees with Ben Evans."

It would be an error to insert the Office of Security or DD/A in this loop at all. The community is already straining at the requirements for more clearances. To make their requests process through us would be unacceptable, and quite unnecessary and unprofitable since we are in no position to address someone else's "need to know."

I wrote Ben a memo (copy attached). Hope it helps him.

I wrote a note to [ ] (copy attached) asking him to support my position that we should stay away from these requests.

I plan to talk to both Ben and [ ] who works with him. Maybe these actions can get this straightened out once and for all.

Atts.

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